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## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Butler Farm

### 2. Location

street &amp; number East Side of Cokesbury Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City ~~—x~~ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<u>x</u> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<u>x</u> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<u>x</u> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<u>x</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ernest F. and Ruby F. McIntyre

street &amp; number Route 1 telephone no.:

city, town Pocomoke City state and zip code Maryland 21853

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. S-228

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Old Butler Farm is located on the east side of Cokesbury Road just south of the Cokesbury crossroads near Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story c. 1900-1910 farmhouse stands on a prominent rise of land between the road and Dividing Creek.

Facing west the two-story gable-front frame house rests on a brick pier foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt the roof with exposed rafter feet.

The weatherboards are covered by a uniform layer of asbestos shingles. A brick chimney rises from the center of the house.

Accompanying the house is a group of contemporary outbuildings including a board and batten frame chicken house a smokehouse, a delapidated corn crib and a wagon shed.

The west elevation is three bays across with an entrance in the south or right bay. The door is glazed above the lock rail and paneled below. The two adjacent openings are filled with single-pane sash windows. The second floor is lighted by three 2/2 sash windows and the attic has one 2/2 sash window. Stretching across the first floor and around the south side is a turned post porch with decorative trim between each post head. A small gable distinguishes the entrance bay, and it is decorated with sawn work. A star design is centered in the peak.

The south side has a two-story three-sided bay pavilion that is covered by a gable-front roof. The roof soffits on each corner are decorated with sawn work.

~~The east side has a two-story three-sided bay pavilion that is covered by a gable-front roof. The roof soffits on each corner are decorated with sawn work.~~

The south side has a two-story three-sided bay pavilion that is covered by a gable-front roof. The roof soffits on each corner are decorated with sawn work.

The east (back) side has a simple shed addition, while two 2/2 sash windows light the second floor, and a single 2/2 sash window lights the attic.

The north side is a plain wall with the same 2/2 sash windows or replacements on each floor.

The interior is being moderately remodeled at present, but most of the period woodwork is being saved.

The outbuildings stand within twenty yards of the kitchen door and are plain early twentieth century structures. According to the owner, the 18th-century house site is located next to the old pear tree that stands due east of the present farmhouse. The old house was moved up to a new site in the early 20th-century and used as a barn, until a wind storm twisted the frame. It was finally demolished several years ago.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Old Butler Farmhouse is a relatively plain victorian period dwelling that dates to the first decade of the 20th-century. The turned-post front porch is the most decorative exterior feature. The balance of the house is typically plain. The farm contains the site of an 18th-century house once belonging to the Costen family.

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**Acreage of nominated property** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

**B**

Zone Easting Northing

**C**

**D**

**E**

F 

**G**

H | | | | | | | | | |

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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**name/title** Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

**organization** Somerset Co. Hist. Trust

**date** 7/25/84

**street & number** 424 N. Somerset Ave.

**telephone** 651-1094 (Home)

city or town Princess Anne

state Maryland 21853

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Pocomoke City, Md. Quad.



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Cokesbury vicinity, Somerset Co., MD.

South elevation

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Near Cokesbury, Somerset County

Southwest Elevation

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Northeast Elevation  
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Outbuildings - Southeast Elevation

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Porch Detail

Southwest Elevation

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